

REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 28, 2007, the Examiner has maintained the rejection of claim 1 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,632,978.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer, disclaiming that portion of the term of any patent issuing from the above-identified application which would extend past the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,632,978. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

By this amendment, Applicants have also updated the cross-reference to related applications on page 1 of the specification. Specifically, parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/693,011, is now also indicated as U.S. Patent No. 6,632,978.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to rejoin claims 9 and 11 with claim 1, since the amendments made previously by Applicants resulted in claims 1, 9, and 11 being directed to the same subject matter, classified in the same class (class 800, subclass 13).

Finally, in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 821.04, Applicants respectfully request that process claims 14, 15 and 18 be rejoined with product claim 1, which product claim the examiner has indicated as allowable except for the issue of obviousness type double patenting, presently resolved by the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing remarks and terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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